

RHODE ISLAND AREA
ACA INTERGROUP MEETING

3-5-2022 @ 9:30 AM Providence and Zoom

Bridget V, opened the meeting with a moment of silence and The ACA Serenity Prayer

**Attendance: In-person: Deana: (Tech/Newsletter, Outreach); Chris C: (NE Reg. Rep.); Paul: Soozie; (Observers); Pike P: (Secretary, Outreach); Rebecca; (Rep for 7AM Zoom),
Zoom: Bridget V: (Chair); Lynda: (Rep. Tues. Night); Lynette: (Rep. Learning to Thrive);**

Bridget V. stated the Minutes of the last two meetings were on the website Newsletter. Pike stated and corrections made.

Motion made and Accepted to Approve Minutes.of December 2021 and Minutes of February 2022

Committee Reports:

Treasury: Deana stated we have income of \$737.41 and expenses of \$419.84 including the cost of rent for next Event this March and Literature income of \$400, and expenses for new books at \$392.02. We have a net of \$325.55 in the Treasury. Deana tracked expenses and posted them in the Newsletter and gave printed reports to Pike.

Motion Made and accepted to approve the Treasury Report

Literature: Joe was away traveling. Bridget inquired about a book inventory and asked for discussion.

Motion Made and accepted to Joe G. create an Inventory for our Literature

Motion Made and accepted to approve Literature Report

Outreach: Pike reported about the ACA Event for March 26th from 2-10 PM this month to offer music, art showing, and Potluck with an admission charge of \$10 per person in support of recovery groups. If needed others could get 'scholarship' financial support and asked people to consider contributing \$10 extra dollars. Deana designed and printed a stack of Flyers for the new Event to hand out. Deanna reported there were ticket sales already coming in.

Rebecca asked about what if it is overbooked and people want to pay at the door, and are the fire codes being followed?

Discussion: The space has a capacity of 50 people due to Covid, though the usual fire code limit is 75. With good weather we'll be able to expand into the back yard.

Lynette asked for a friend about art exhibiting for stained glass. Pike responded that artist hang work without putting holes in walls and that the stained glass could be shown in the windows themselves. Attendees may pay Intergroup on their website by phone with a credit-card, or by check or cash.

Motion made and accepted to approve the Outreach Committee Report

Newsletter/Website Tech report: Deanna reported by Mail Chimp report that Website membership is growing our mailing list rose 50 % since last month, 329 pages viewed, up 22% and 19% in just the last 30 days. The Newsletter has links to financial information and Minutes of the meetings and the Event Flyer. The ACA WSO Proposals are also on the RIareaca.org website.

Lynette remarked that thanks to the Newsletter the Tuesday group has grown to almost 30 persons, saying "We are circling around America from little Rhode island"

Bridget remarked, 'Kudos' to fantastic job Deana is doing with Technology and Newsletter and thanked her for her efforts and creative work noting how it has helped expand ACA.

Motion made and accepted to approve the Newsletter/Website Report

WSO Report: No Report

North East Regional Report: Chris clarified that it is North East Region, (one of 7 and covers Virginia to Maine) not New England Region. He attended the last Meeting ;the past month they had reviewed # 5 of 13 Proposals and this month reviewed # 6-13. Proposal # 7 did not pass which was to change the current suggested donations in support of Intergroup, Regional and WSO from 10/30/60% to 25/25/25% contributions. Proposal #9 requested eliminating the exclusionary word 'Only' regarding groups with specific demographics; IE LGBTQ+, etc., and did not pass.

Regional donated \$300.for Scholarship to fund books to overseas needy communities, also that they have begun a 'Grass Roots Effort', cold-calling to touch base with ACA members.

Chris added they are restructuring ABC/WSO representation called: "Knowledge-based decision making, (KBDM) and he'll update us as it progresses.

Discussion: Bridget asked how we address proposal voting from Intergroup to Regional? Chris mentioned Regional's monthly meeting on Zoom takes place 3rd Wednesday of the month to and may be observed by any non-voting member. Positions are open too. Pike mentioned Group Reps with a Meeting number may submit their groups' votes online. Chris stated these are not final votes-these determine what gets voted on during the Annual Conference. Lynette said she would survey her group's votes.

Motion made and accepted to approve North East Regional Report

Secretary Report: Pike made corrections to the December Minutes and that this morning the person involved retracted the changes so no further amendments were necessary. She requested that after Minutes are sent please send changes, corrections, and etc. back to her or Bridget with in one week.

Motion made and accepted to inform Chair or secretary of corrections within one week of mailing.

Motion made and accepted to accept Secretary Report.

Old Business: Agreed we will take this Order in the Next Intergroup Meeting: Agenda; Role call; Minutes; Reports; Old Business; New Business.

We agreed on Defining Officers and Reps as voters and Observers as non-voters. Event is in progress.

New Business:

Deana proposed ordering "Worth It" T-shirts to sell at event at a profit benefiting Intergroup for \$360. and to buy necessary supplies as table wares, etc. for potluck Event for \$200.

Motion made and accepted to purchase T-Shirts of "Worth It" without the ACA logo.

Motion made and accepted for Bridget and Deana to shop for \$200. worth of event supplies.

Motion made and accepted to close the meeting: Meeting closed at 10:20 AM

Meeting closed with the ACA Serenity Prayer

Next Meeting: April 2, 2022 at 9:30 AM-10:30 AM

Respectfully submitted-Pike co-secretary